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1. The best portions of the Chinghsing (114-01, 38-00) coal mines are at
   Fenghuangshan (113-50, 37-21) and Hungchien (4767/3386), the best coal
   being produced at Hungchien.

2. The mine authorities regard the daily production statistics as a military
   secret, but estimates run about 1,500 tons daily. The coal mined each
   day is shipped to Shihchiachuang (114-28, 38-02) to be made into coke, and
   from there it is shipped to Anshan to be used in steel smelting. Since
   after the outbreak of the Korean war most heavy industrial plants moved
   to the interior, the Chinghsing coal has recently been shipped to Taiyuan
   (112-30, 37-42) for use in the arsenals there. Some, however, is stock-
   piled in Shihchiachuang. Since the Chinese Communists took over the mines
   none of the coal has ever been available for civilian use.

3. The manager of the Chinghsing mines is a Communist official named SHIH
   Ch'ing-huai (4258/3237/2849). He is assisted by a Soviet adviser,
   Kao-lin-szu-chi (7559/2651/2448/1015), who has a staff of more than ten
   experts. The mines employ more than 6,000 miners and 100 experts. The
   miners now work 12 hours a day and are allowed only 15 minutes' rest out
   of the pits at the end of each work period.

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